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In accordance with of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Form PTO-1449 attached contains a listing of references believed to be material to the examination of this patent application.

U.S. 5,844,800 is a background reference demonstrating a system for operating a loader responsive to a blasting cycle.

U.S. 6,205,687 is a background reference demonstrating a system for determining levels of difficulty when operating a loader.

U.S. 5,924,575 is a background reference demonstrating a system for determining physical characteristics of materials passing on a conveyor.

A. Ord, Real-Time Image Analysis of Size and Shape Distributions of Rock Fragments, page 28-31, The AusIMM Bulletin and Proceedings, Vol. 294, No. 1, Feb. 1989 (Nov. 1988 paper - Explo '88) is a background reference demonstrating a computer-monitor image analysis system for measuring rock fragments.

J. Kemeny, et al. Analysis of Rock Fragmentation Using Digital Image Processing, pages 1144-1160, ASCE Journal of Geotechnical Engineering, Vol. 119, No. 7, July 1993, is a background reference demonstrating an algorithm for analyzing digital images of muck pile rock fragments.

Although the USPTO has been provided with copies of the above-referenced material, it should be understood that there may be additional material which is either unknown to or unappreciated by the undersigned.

No fee is believed due at this time.

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